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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 10, 2001, the claims of Group V (Claims 31-46) drawn to a method of diagnosing or aiding in the diagnosis of a vascular disease in an individual or predicting the likelihood that an individual will have vascular disease by detecting a polymorphism at position 1186 of the thrombospondin 4 gene, classified in class 436, subclass 6, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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Extension

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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